

NE Elementary Community Boundary Study Public Email Log: 11/03/17 to 11/08/17

Date: 11/04/2017, 0921 hrs

Name: Kathleen Ballard

Friday October 27, 2017

Dear Boundary Committee Members,

We are thrilled that Baltimore County is building a new elementary school in our area. I speak for most of my community when I say that we can't wait for the overcrowding issues to be alleviated with the addition of the new Northeast elementary school. Currently, our neighborhood is slated to be added to the new school in two of the three suggested redistricting plans. However, when I look at the third suggestion, where we are not districted to the new school, I am a bit confused. The point of redistricting is to alleviate overcrowding, right now on option C- if you added PB 40,41,43, 44 (our neighborhoods block), 45 to the new Northeast elementary school it would increase enrollment from 614 to 643. This is still well under capacity and it would help Perry Hall Elementary school go from 594 to a capacity of 565 which makes that closer to the school's capacity of 528. To me, that is a no brainer and I hope that you consider this suggestion.

I want to thank the committee for all of their hard work and whichever way the cookie crumbles, I know that our Perry Hall/Nottingham/White Marsh community as a whole will benefit from our new elementary school.

Kind Regards,

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Date: 11/04/2017, 1511 hrs

Name: Jinga Patel

Comments: I want to vote to chaple hill elementary I want my kids go to chaple hill

Date: 11/04/2017, 1638 hrs

Name: Mary

Hi I am in favor option B. The data supports this option & accounts for future growth.

Through reading the large number of emails, it's my understanding that some parents do not want my neighborhood (fieldcrest) to attend Chapel Hill ES. Parents of those affected by the boundary change will only be affected until their child in is middle school, however I urge them to think long term. What happens in five years? Ten? The data demands that we consider the long term consequences of a boundary change. My concerns with Fieldcrest staying at VFES are as follows:

- Significant overcrowding at VFES
- Availability of resources & space due to expected number of students at VFES
- Proximity to 2 other neighborhoods (New Forge, Fieldcrest & Allender neighborhoods should stay together as we are very close knit)
- Possibility of the VFES being redistricted for a 3rd time in the future.

If something is not done to relieve the overcrowding at VFES now, they will be in even worse shape in the future with the expected growth in middle river. I urge you to keep the three neighborhoods (Fieldcrest, New Forge, & Allender) together as we are close knit.

I know you are considering parents opinions now as this will affect their children, but feel the focus should be on long term safety & capacity of the schools. Thank you for your time & commitment to this boundary study & the future state of our schools. Thanks!

Date: 11/04/2017, 1741 hrs

Name: Susanne Forno

I am a concerned parent of children attending Vincent Farm ES. The email proposing we wait until the next boundary study to receive overcrowding relief is concerning. The school is grossly overcrowded without ample parking. This is already our second boundary study. To say we need to go through a third time is ridiculous. This new school is supposed to bring relief to the Perry Hall schools. A large portion of Vincent Farm students are in Perry Hall school district. These students deserve relief now.

Please make sure these concerns are being addressed properly. I am also concerned about unbiased participants on the boundary committee only looking out for their communities and not the welfare of the children.

It was my understanding there is a corporate company designing maps, so I am dumbfounded that a committee member would propose their own maps and being taken so seriously.

In the future I hope to see the 3rd party (Cropper GIS) is making sure the process is being fairly conducted, generating their own maps from feedback all committee members. And that all committee members have their input after the maps are generated.

Thanks, Susanne F.

Date: 11/04/2017, 1750 hrs

Name: Karen Sparks

I currently live at 9401 Kilbride Ct.

I am in walking distance of the new elementary school and trying to figure out why I am slated for Perry Hall Elementary?

Date: 11/04/2017, 2228 hrs

Name: Laura Rhodes

As a current VFES parent, I wanted to send my support for the proposed maps A,B,C. (B & C preferred). The overcrowding at VF is a major concern to all parents!! The school accommodates over 900 students and the number is rapidly growing as new communities are being developed in the VF zone. We love our VF community, but accept that change may be the best choice for our neighborhood and the quickest relief for additional overcrowding at the school. Laura Rhodes

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Date: 11/05/2017, 1354 hrs

Name: Matt Wright

Greetings, My name is Matthew Wright and I am a parent of three children who currently attend Vincent Farm, and would like to voice my support for Option B in the matter of the current boundary process. Throughout the various responses from fellow citizens, it seems there are several points of concern being voiced in support of maintaining PB 9, PB 11, and PB 12 within the boundary of Vincent Farm Elementary School. One of the often cited reasons seems to be the safety of travel of buses traveling on Honeygo Boulevard between the intersections of Ebenezer Rd and Joppa Rd. While it is indisputable that commonly traveled speeds are above the posted limits, the assumption is made that a bus departing the PB 30 neighborhood will have to make an immediate lane change for a left turn onto Joppa Rd. While this may seem to make sense on its face, I believe these assumptions can not be made without having experts from the Transportation Department provide input. The issue of safe bus routing is one that can be addressed through prudent route planning while maintaining the boundaries set within Option B. Another concern raised is that of diversity. PD 9, 11, and 12 offer similar diversity, which is shown by the statistics within the data table provided by BCPS. Option B shows little variation between the percentages of students in terms of minority students and those on free or reduced lunches. Also discussed was the potential for future relief of Vincent Farm through increasing the number of trailers, or simply accepting the overcrowding of Vincent Farm. Currently, Vincent Farm has seven trailers on campus. Any additional trailers would have to be placed to the rear of the courtyard area and encroach on the area of the ball fields. Furthermore, with current school enrollment being approximately 930 (granting that 100 student slots will be moved to Victory Villa and Martin Blvd next year), continued acceptance of the current level of or increasing overcrowding creates a hazardous situation. Additionally, the staff resources required to provide adequate services to the students will be difficult to maintain. By approving Option B, Vincent Farm will have a clean, contiguous border along the CSX railroad track extending from its border with Kingsville ES extending west to Cowenton Ave, while providing some measure of relief to the overcrowding experienced at Vincent Farm. Further relief can be explored as the Ridge site is developed, although the large construction projects on MD Route 43 will most likely render any relief temporary. Additionally, recent developments regarding the site of 'Vince's Auto Dismantlers', which have been disseminated by the White Marsh-Cowenton Community Association, have shown the site to be unsuitable for development. While these concerns stated are appreciated, I believe that they can be addressed safely and efficiently while still implementing Option B. Thank you. Matthew Wright

Date: 11/05/2017, 1908 hrs

Name: Carrie Penick

Hi there, I currently have a student in 4th grade at Vincent Farm Elementary and a 6th grader at Perry Hall Middle. I have looked over the three current maps and two of them have us staying at Vincent Farm Elementary. This is a concern because I have heard from others that the idea of Annexing students from Vincent Farm to Middle River Middle will be back on the table for the coming school year. I am not sure if this is true. I bought my home just off of Red Lion Road because I liked the schools for which it was zoned. I also have no desire to have my children attend two different middle schools. This course of action would cause so many issues. Can you shed some light on this annexing idea and information on whether it is still being considered? Thank you. Carrie Penick

Date: 11/06/2017, 1857 hrs

Name: Leena Desai

Comments: As planning to redistrict the school zone. I would like to raise the concern about rezoning the the school to middle river middle river . I moved from that area so that my daughter she has good future in her life and is brought up in the safe environment. Thinking about my daughter future.so I would like to give my opinion that Vincent farm elementary school need to be rezone to Chappel Hill elementary.

Date: 11/07/2017, 1226, 1227 hrs

Name: Lucy M.

Comments: Agree with Plan C.